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LUPSA's Annual Model Parliament Ten Strong Years

by Steve Pageau
contributor

The Laurentian University Political Science Association's 10th annual Model Parliament on Thursday, January 10, 2002, in the House of Commons Chamber in Ottawa proved to be quite a success. Different in many respects, the students who participated in this event had a magnificent time. Laurentian University's financial and moral support was appreciated by the LUPSA executive, of which I am the current president. The presence of Political Science Alumni and the Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences was an added highlight to the rather memorable week in Ottawa.

This year marked the fourth time that Laurentian students were granted the honour of the use of the House of Commons. Thanks to the support of local members of Parliament, the Honorable Peter Milliken, the Speaker of the House of Commons, authorized Laurentian to hold its Model Parliament in the actual Commons chamber, an honour conferred upon only one other Canadian university.

Some 100 students, mostly from political science classes and campus political party clubs, travelled to Ottawa for this historic occasion. The party preference of the



Students Sit on either side of the House of Commons Wondering Exactly Where the Closest Bar to Their Hotel Was... Just Like a Real Government Official!

participating students determined party standings in the Model Parliament, which counted: 35 Liberals, 30 New Democrats, 25 Progressive Conservatives, 10 Canadian Alliance members, and seven Bloc Québécois members.

Collectively storming the House of Commons, all students involved worked endless hours to prepare rather impressive speeches. The topics of their work ranged from mandatory military participation (Liberal Bill); sex offenders registration database (Tory Bill); student tax breaks and the immediate withdrawal from NATO (NDP bill and motion); increased military budget (Alliance Bill). The installation of federal toll-booths around the border of Quebec to generate money which would be used to teach English Quebec citizens the French language was presented by the Bloc Québécois. Finally, the Liberal party initiated a bill that would increase sexual awareness, including teaching proper techniques of masturbation. All party leaders: Ali Yassine (LIB, Prime Minister), Allison McCulloch (LIB, Deputy Prime Minister) Samantha Burns (PC), Chris Rodgers (NDP), Dave Knechtel (Alliance) and Steve Pageau (Bloc)-motivated their party

members, and added a rather invigorating tone to the day.

As previously mentioned, this year's Model Parliament had a different flavour. Rather than focusing on strictly Canadian affairs, the students were able to incorporate international content. Influenced by both the Liberal bill, the NDP bill, and to a lesser extent, the Bloc bill, issues outside of the Canadian bubble made it to the House of Commons. Several questions during Question Period dealt with issues in the Middle East and the current problems of Afghanistan. In my opinion, this international touch added quality and variety to the day. The participation of several international Laurentian students was another highlight.

The second day, which included Laurentian University Alumni, was simply fantastic. As it was the 10th anniversary of the event a special Alumni Model Parliament took place in the Commons chamber. Participating as the Bloc Leader for the second day in a row enabled me to get a better feel for the rich history and power of Parliament. That said, pestering all other parties at every opportunity raised the level of excitement and delight. As it forced me to improvise several speeches, the

second day of Parliament solidified the fact that I would one day earn my place in this establishment.

The Alumni Model Parliament brought together some 60 participants of previous years, including numerous "prime ministers," "premiers," and other party leaders. The Liberals formed a government under Neil McGraw. The NDP, led by François Marier, were the Official Opposition, and the PCs were grouped behind Takis Zervas.

Seeing as how I am this year's LUPSA president, I feel it necessary to explain my role in this event in more detail. Preparation for the event began in the month of May, and arrangements included writing letters to solicit funds, reserving the House of Commons, and preparing a wide variety of fundraisers to help alleviate the cost of the trip. Once school started, the LUPSA executive held weekly meetings and participated in fundraisers such as several coat checks, a penny table and 50/50 draws. Although time consuming, each effort contributed to the overall success of Model Parliament 2002.

Dr. Rand Dyck also played a large role facilitating every aspect of this trip; his efforts are much appreciated. Finally, it would be naïve to

not mention the fact that the Instructional Media Centre graciously supplied a cameraman, Bill Sanders, to document the entire event. This footage will be transformed into a 20-minute video promo for the Political Science Department and the University in general, since this event is now recognized by Maclean's as one of the "hot" reasons to come to Laurentian.

In conclusion, I firmly believe that this was the best Model Parliament of the last ten years. Each level of this event was organised, and each participant had a spectacular time, both in the House of Commons and in the City of Ottawa. In my opinion, this event is paramount to the culture and life of the Political Science Department. I feel honoured to have had the opportunity to help shape future political minds and to have sparked political interest in several students who spoke in the House of Commons for the first time. This being my third and final Model Parliament, I feel a great sense of sadness knowing that I will not participate in future excursions. Each year, this trip has built my confidence and has given me larger goals. Last year, it was my goal to become LUPSA president; this year, my goal is to become a Member of Parliament. I hope that my next goal is achieved, and that one-day I could speak to the Laurentian University students in Parliament as a genuine member of the House of Commons. We all have dreams, and in my opinion, this trip gives us the necessary tools to turn these dreams into realities.

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Laurentian to Host WUSC International Development Symposium

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From Friday, February 1 to Sunday, February 3, Laurentian University will host the 2002 World University Service of Canada (WUSC) International Development Symposium for the province of Ontario. About 70 participants will gather for this regional symposium entitled "Indigenous Perspectives on a Sustainable Future" which will be held for the first time in Sudbury.

The main event of the symposium will be a one-day workshop to be held on Saturday, February 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the University of Sudbury Canisius Hall. Participants will assist in a series of workshops designed to offer them a greater understanding of the initiatives developed by the Native community to attain a sustainable future.

The following topics will be covered: pipe ceremony and the sacred land; Aboriginal philosophy toward Western development; the sacred beauty of languages; children of our future; land claims; Aboriginal rights; and Arctic perspectives: lessons of traditional knowledge for a scientific world. Among those presenting are Prof. Herb Nabigon, LU native human services professor; Dr. André Émond, LU law and justice professor; and Dr. Frank Mallory, LU biology professor.

While in Sudbury, participants will take part in a series of activities, including a play, a dance, and a traditional dinner.

The WUSC International Development Symposium, which began in 1989, is the major development education event for WUSC Local

Committees. Its main objective is to focus attention on important international development issues and to stimulate informed discussion, which will lead to active involvement and expanded cooperation within the international community.

World University Service of Canada (WUSC) is a network of individuals and postsecondary institutions who believe that all peoples are entitled to the knowledge and skills necessary to contribute to a more equitable world. Its mission is to foster human development and global understanding through education and training. It counts some 80 local committee members, including Laurentian University, which has been an active member of WUSC for over 20 years.

CIM Donates \$30,000 to Laurentian's School of Engineering



Earlier this year, the Sudbury Branch of the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum presented a \$30,000 donation to Laurentian University's School of Engineering. This presentation, made on behalf of the 11th CIM Maintenance Engineering Conference held in 2000, will enable the University to offer scholarships to Northern Ontario students pursuing their studies in mining engineering at Laurentian.

Mr. Jim Laroche, Chair, CIM, Sudbury Branch (right), presents a \$30,000 donation to Dr. Laxman "Lucky" Amaratunga, engineering professor at Laurentian University.

Huntington Concert Series to Feature Saxophone Chamber music

LU Press Release

Huntington University's department music is presenting a special event in Sudbury. Jean-Michel Goury, one of the masters of modern saxophone in France, and the Ensemble Apollinaire will give a concert at St. Andrew's United Church, in Sudbury, on Thursday, February 14, at 7:30 p.m. The program includes works by Robert Lemay (Canada), François Rossé (France), Rico Gubler (Switzerland), Pascale Jakubowski (Algeria-France), and Étienne Rolin (USA-France). The presentation also includes two improvisations by Rossé and Rolin, who will be attending the event. Jean-Michel Goury and the Ensemble Apollinaire will give the premiere "Ombres d'automne et de lune" for saxophones (soprano, alto and baritone), flute, piano and celesta by Robert Lemay, music professor at Huntington University in Sudbury.

This concert is part of a tour, that will bring the Ensemble Apollinaire conducts in France (Limoge, Orléans, and Toulouse), the United States (Chicago) as well as Canada (Edmonton, Sudbury and Montreal) from January 27 to Feb-

ruary 17. This is a unique opportunity to see and hear composers and performers of contemporary saxophone chamber music in Europe.

A conference, entitled, "Improvisation and composition," will be given by the members of the ensemble and the composers François Rossé and Étienne Rolin on Friday, February 15, at 10:30 a.m., at Huntington University. The public is invited and admission is free.

Jean-Michel Goury was born in Tonneins, France, and was taught by his father, Pierre Goury, who was also Secretary of the French National Association of Bands. He studied at the Conservatoire National de Musique de Bordeaux and received the Médaille d'Or in saxophone while studying with Jean-Marie Londeix. He also completed musical studies in musical analysis with François Rossé, wind-ensemble conducting with André Leclercq, and chamber music with Francis Vallone.

Goury has won first prize in a number of national and international music competitions. Since receiving the Certificat d'Aptitude (France's highest teaching diploma in music) in 1982, he has taught in the French Conservatory system, including the

Conservatoire National de Musique de Landes, and now at one of France's most modern schools, the Conservatoire National de Musique de Boulogne-Billancourt, in Paris. He has performed solo concerts with Orchestre des Jeunes (Bavière), Ensemble Orchestral International of Italy, Chamber Orchestra of Toulouse, Itinéraire Ensemble, and participated at the World Saxophone Congresses in Nuremberg, Washington, Kawasaki, and Pesaro.

The Apollinaire Ensemble is named after the French poet Guillaume Apollinaire, an experimental poet who was active at the turn of the last century. Apollinaire inspired the ensemble in its goal "to reveal and revive a repertoire still largely underestimated and deserving of new attention." Founded in 1994, the Ensemble dedicates itself primarily to chamber music from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It also commissions contemporary works for unusual instrumental combinations. Since 1996 the Ensemble has performed concerts and master classes throughout the United States, Canada, Italy, Spain, and Israel. Its first CD recording was released in 2000.

News Briefs

Laurentian Author Studies Multiculturalism and Social Intervention

Dr. Anselme Mvilongo-Tsala, social work professor at Laurentian University, recently published the book *Pour une intervention sociale efficace en milieu interculturelle (For an Effective Social Intervention in a Multicultural Environment)*. This document, which was published by L'Harmattan in Paris, France, studies the mixing of races in Canada's urban centres as well as the impact of multiculturalism on the work conducted by health and social services institutions.

The arrival of new immigrants in the country's urban centres obliges the host society to make room for these newcomers. However, as explained by Dr. Mvilongo-Tsala, the health and social practitioners working in the health and social services sectors haven't been trained for this new reality. As a result, it is increasingly important to offer social work students, psychologists, educators, medical practitioners as well as anyone working with the public, the skills required to properly intervene in a multicultural setting.

In his book, Dr. Mvilongo-Tsala proposes the pursuit of cognitive and practical principals linked to one's cultural self awareness and the acceptance of other's culture.

A Canadian citizen born in Cameroun, Dr. Mvilongo-Tsala has worked for many years as a psychotherapist. He has published several articles on multiculturalism and interculturalism.

The book *Pour une intervention sociale efficace en milieu interculturelle* can be purchased at the Laurentian University Bookstore for \$21.

University Lecture to Focus on the Complexities of Biodiversity

On Thursday, January 31, from 1 to 2 p.m., Dr. Jurek Kolasa, biology professor at McMaster University, will present a public lecture entitled "Links Between Biodiversity, Complexity, Stability and Scale" in Laurentian University's Arboretum Pavilion. The lecture is open to the public and the media. This is the first invited lecture presented by Laurentian University's Canada Research Chair in Biocomplexity of the Environment.

Dr. Kolasa's research group studies the structure and variability of complex, multi-species assemblages. They are trying to find out how complexity and community interactions affect species extinction and levels of biodiversity at various scales of time and space. The communities they investigate are invertebrates inhabiting natural rock pools in Papua New Guinea, the United States and Canada. In addition to a number of peer reviewed papers, he has published two books: *Ecological Understanding: The Nature of Theory and Theory in Nature* (Academic Press) and *Ecological Heterogeneity* (Springer-Verlag).

This lecture will address the controversial stability-diversity hypothesis. Dr. Kolasa will offer evidence showing that diversity promotes stability and conclude that specialization (habitat hierarchy) and the 'richness-driven' reduction in population variability produce opposite effects (and may explain why evidence for the stabilizing effects of diversity is difficult to reveal). He also suggests that habitat hierarchy is likely to set limits on species number by leading to excessive and fatal variability of ecological players. Interestingly, stability-diversity relationship unfolds only in stable habitats and depends on where you look.

Dr. Kolasa's lecture will be of interest to environmental scientists and students, as well as to all those concerned about the global loss of biodiversity. The lecture is sponsored by the Department of Biology's Seminar Series and LU's Canada Research Chair in Biocomplexity of the Environment.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

Coming Full Circle With Porn...

by Mat Thompson
Editor In Chief

It's a funny thing when things come full circle. I never thought that something I did or said a years ago would come back to haunt me... or in this case become a feature in the pages of Lambda. This may be lost on any of you out there, but with return of Nick Stewart, former Entertainment Editor and Rabid Squirrel hater, the paper has already picked up. This of course is not why I am talking about things going full circle, but Nick was around when it started.

Almost five years ago when Nick came into the Lambda office wanting to write for the entertainment section, he stated that he wanted to write a weekly website column which later became Roadkill. When we discussed this column, we talk at length about how we didn't want anything to do with porn or nudity in the column. Roadkill was to be strange and weird sites that you can find without looking at naked pictures of every blonde in California.

In the first column Nick stated that although you could type in any word and get a porn site, he would search out the truly weird and different stops on the Information Superhighway. The funny thing is that the example that he used was the word 'feet'. We joked about how you could type in a sim-

ple word like feet and get over two thousand sites dedicated to sick bastards who get off seeing naked women's feet, or worse, sights dedicated to sex with, on or around peoples feet.

Well, now all of a sudden, five years later, Nick and I are sitting here on our Lambda computers trying to find websites about feet for the foot feature in this paper. The only problem is that we are now finding the sites we joked about so many years ago. There are so many sites out there dedicated to feet fanatics that I am getting sick of looking at them. The scary thing is the progression from simple foot fetish sites to the truly bizarre.

One site I stopped on that looked promising ended up being a site where they showed pictures of people who had a fetish for female domination, feet and pain. This of course ended up showing me graphic pictures of men being stepped on by women, having their face smashed by a woman's foot, or the best one I wish I never saw; men who enjoy being kicked in the junk or having their tool box stepped on by a woman in spiked heels. What the hell is this?

Maybe I am naive, but for some reason I cannot think of a time where I ever thought to myself 'Self, I have had too much normal sex, so maybe I will get a girl to put on high heel shoes, or maybe even work boots and pin me down naked on the floor

and stand on my testicles. Yeah.... that will get me going!' Maybe there is some sick freak out there who derives pleasure out of this, but since my testicles are probably one of my favorite assets (along with my DVD collection and my autographed picture of Carmen Electra), I really can't see deriving pleasure out of this.

Now I am not trying to say that I am perfect and that anyone who does something out of the ordinary is a sick freak... wait... yes I am. If you are sick enough to want a girl to kick you in the junk for pleasure, then you go in the internet and set up a website showing people your love for this particularly strange carnal pleasure, then you have severe problems! This is not normal and for some reason I feel the need to write about it. I think maybe I need to get some of my frustrations out. I have searched the web for endless hours looking for a normal site that describes a foot fetish without showing me the feet of some inbred model who has her feet (and legs) positioned so that I can not only see her feet, but also all the way up her legs clearly to her kidneys!

I know everyone who comes in the office jokes that all I do all day is search for porn on the Lambda computers, but after today I never want to see any more again. There are some damn sick people out there, and since this is my very own editorial

corner, I can judge them all I want! What are they going to do, come after me? First they would have to stand up from the floor they are laying on and ask the girl who not only kicked them in the junk, but also probably took a dump on their chest for extra gratification to help them take the ball and chain out of their mouth and remove the handcuffs so that they can write a 'Mat is so mean' letter.

Come after me all you want! I have been searching through the worst of the worst porn sites to find any information I can on feet. Strangely this all started some five years ago with an innocent conversation between myself and Nick, and now look at me. I am searching through porn just to try to make this paper a little better. The things I do for you people...



SPACE FOR RANT ... Letters to the Editor

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Lambda

Dear Lambda,

I read your *Space For Rant* section last week and was happy that I was not the only person who was treated rudely at Student Awards when I arrived to pick up my OSAP forms. For some reason the person behind thought I had already been there and had lost my Social Insurance card. He looked at me and said "So you actually found your card?". When I asked him what he was talking about, he snapped at me saying something about that he thought I was some other student who didn't have their SIN card. I expected an apology, but instead he just grabbed my card out of my hand and got me the forms. When I asked him if I had to go to the post office downtown to fill them out he told me to "Just go upstairs and get them done" in a very condescending manner. I had one more question for him, but he moved on and ignored me while he was rude to another person.

I can understand that handing out OSAP at the beginning of a semester is a little tedious and stressful with all the questions, but maybe instead of snapping on students and being rude, this person should take a break, or look for a less stressful line of work. Remember buddy, if it wasn't for the students, you wouldn't have a job here!

Name Withheld Because I Need a Bursary

Editor's Response: you know, I should have a snappy remark to make here, but I too just handed in my bursary application and I don't want to be judged for something I have said in the paper. Remember, if you don't have anything nice to say about someone who has power over you... change your name, then do it!

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Get in the Ring

by Bryson McCarthy
Columnist

Time to roll the dice, lay the cards out on the table and bet it all on one go. I was told to hold off on this opinion piece for a week or two, and now that I have the go-ahead, it's time to rip into yet another government facility that sucks our money out and tries to play themselves off as something good. Just in case you don't know what I am talking about, try to remember all those stands that were set up around the school last week. That's right. I have a severe problem with the Ontario Responsible Gambling Council!

I do understand that there are people out there who have gambling problems, but come on. Do you really think that a university is the place that you should be going to teach people about responsible gambling? This is a place where most people don't even have two loonies to rub together, let alone the money to go out and spend hundreds of dollars on lotteries and gambling on a weekly basis. Most students don't have gambling problems as they can't afford to.

I visited the stands and found out that I do have a problem. My problem was not that I am a closet gambler who spends all his money on lotteries, horses and slots; my problem is much worse than that. Every time I visited one of their booths, when they weren't looking, I stole all their pens. Those people must have gone through boxes of pens as I have at least forty of their pens in my room. Why did I steal their pens? I paid for them, didn't I?

If you look at it without the blinders of the government on, you can see the connection. We pay a large portion of our income to the government through taxes. Because that isn't enough for them, we pay PST and GST on all purchases. Then, just to make it sting a little more, cigarettes, alcohol and lottery tickets are taxed to hell and most, if not

all the money goes to the government.

So after the government takes all this money, especially through the lottery tickets, they set up councils to alleviate the guilt that they feel by producing and profiting from these tickets and taxes. Of course they want you to keep spending money on lottery tickets, so they pretend to want to help by setting up the Ontario Responsible Council. Of course the people who really need this council really don't see them. Instead they set up booths and spend enormous amounts of money on advertising the events, making their booths eye catching (just like lottery tickets), and trying to teach students, who seem to have the least chance of having this problem, about the problems they don't really have.

So if you look at it this way, the money that we put into the government, and that the government filters into these causes and councils that supposedly are there to help us, is then filtered down into advertising (which Lambda profited from) in any form possible including the pens. So, since the government is wasting my money, I figure that they owe me at least enough pens to write exams, notes, crosswords, love letters to Jenny McCarthy, and cheques that end up going to the government anyway for at least the next eight years. At least I hope the pens last that long, but knowing the government, it's even a gamble using a pen that they provided. Just like them, the damn thing may not work!

How well did the Responsible Gambling stands do with he students. Well, in the four days that they were here I believe I saw maybe 10 students actually looking at the things they had set up. The stand in the Pub was empty the whole time, only ever being touched when a student, half in the bag, spilled his beer and had to mop it up quickly with one of the flyers before they got banned for life.



I don't know how long they thought about coming to Universities to teach about problem gambling, but maybe they should hire people who actually know what goes on at university. There is not much time or money for gambling. We have better things to do with our lives like trying to beat the case race record of 2:09, trying to budget meals and Pub nights out of what remains of our OSAP, and hoping to have some sort of carnal knowledge of that hottie that is always walking around with the ass that never quits. Gambling is the least of a student's worries, and the last thing they are going to do with their money.

Now, with that off my chest, I would like to announce that I am starting a poker game in the student centre every Wednesday night at 9:30. You must have at least \$100 to play and I am not going to put up with sore losers or cheap bastards. Bring your money, your roommate's money and the pink slip to your car because if you think you have a gambling problem now, just wait until I take you for everything you have and leave you naked, calling your parents for money and hoping there is some government agency that can save your tortured soul. I will prevail as it is my ring, and I will always have a cool little red pen to defend myself. Thanks guys!

Lastman Won't Last!

by Lawrence Wong
Staff Writer

A lose-lose situation. That's what Toronto Mayor Mel Lastman got himself into last weekend when he shook hands with Tony Biancafiore, a member of the biker gang Hells Angels. The bikers were in town for a convention, meeting in a Toronto hotel to meet and greet other members of this notorious gang from Ontario and around and to celebrate their one year anniversary of their move into the province. All were in uniform with their Angels attire; just without their bikes. (It appears that January is too cold for these big men to ride their Harleys.)

Why did Lastman make a visit to the hotel that the Angels were staying at? No one knows for sure, as Lastman is the biggest idiot in town. He says his "curiosity" to what this gang is about made him drop by their hotel, and that he didn't know the "extent" of the Angel's gang activities. But it seems that every time he opens his mouth to say something, he sticks his own foot in it.

Who the hell doesn't know that the Hells Angels are famous for drug dealing and prostitution? But among all the other things one may also remember the time when Lastman called in the army to help clear the city during a snow storm; or when it was discovered that he had an affair with a married woman, and the two sons he fathered sued him for paternity; or when his wife was caught stealing in a shopping mall. And how could one forget when he told a reporter that he was afraid to be cooked in a pot by cannibals, thus making the chance of having the Olympics come to Toronto even slimmer. (Not that the city had much of a chance anyway.) This headline grabber has caused major embarrassments to those who call Toronto home.

However, to ask Lastman to resign over this handshake is uncalled for. One may call the mayor a brainless moron for even going anywhere near the gangsters meeting without much of a reason, but it is wrong for criticizing him for shaking hands with a Hell's Angels member.

It is simply of gentlemanly manners to shake hands when you meet another for the first time. I recall one time when my father said to

me that you should always extend a handshake to a fellow man when introducing yourself. (Why television portrays bowing as the way Chinese people greet is beyond me.) If the man's right hand is dirty, use your left. If his left hand is dirty too, then you would just have to pick any hand. A handshake is purely a proper social conduct. No more, no less.

To criticize Lastman for a simple handshake is morally wrong and a cowardly act. Sure, he acted wrongly when he went to the Angel's convention - it would be totally foolish if he didn't know he was asking for trouble, no matter what his explanations are. Blame him for everything else, but don't blame him for a handshake. Heck, you can blame him for his utterly pathetic attempt to save his reputation as a mayor when he threw out his Hells Angels t-shirt that he received from the gang in front of reporters and TV crews. What was he trying to accomplish? Did he really think that the "trash the shirt" exposé can win back Torontonians? This man apparently doesn't know that those who attacked his handshake already hate him, and this thing with the shirt only brought him more enemies as now the Angels are annoyed for his insult to the gang. (Who the hell is his press secretary? Whoever it is needs to go back to school to learn about damage control.)

The fact is, Mel Lastman is a total dumbass. If he would just stay in his office at city hall and not open his mouth unless it is about city business, there would be a lot less trouble waiting for him. True, there are many times when someone should have given him a stiff kick at his rear end, but don't ask him to resign. This guy was elected by the people of Toronto, and the only way he should be booted out is when he loses at the next election, November of 2002. It is the only reasonable and honourable way to kick him out of his chair. It would also make voters learn, that if they didn't bother to get to a voting booth, or if they didn't force themselves to put a thought into who to vote for, then they would be stuck with a dim-witted mayor for the full three-year term.

Society's Projection of the Ideal Woman

by Anna Dubuc
Contributor

After spending many hours talking with my girlfriends, I came to the following conclusion: we're all pretty much dissatisfied with society's projections of the ideal woman and how things should be. A lot of us find ourselves in what can be called the « quarter life crisis », the one that precedes the « midlife crisis ». The « quarter life crisis » affects most people in their 20's in view of the changes that occur. Today's world is dominated by frozen dinners, cell phones and stick thin models and it is very difficult for the average woman to figure out where she fits in. There is no such thing as a man that can be turned on or off to our discretion, no one ever got skinny eating Mc Donald's and playdoh brownies from a Swanson meal.

Most of us are hoping that we'll find the ideal man easily and that all the melodrama from the movies will not find its way into our lives. On the other hand, some of us crave it in order to feel the tingles and see

all the fireworks. This creates a society that focuses on generalized feelings and tries to appropriate them as their own and all that makes something unique is replaced by a mass produced Hallmark greeting. Most of us will feel at one point or another that our life is worthy of being an episode on Dawson's Creek and find some kind of link or similarity to make it all feel better. Or some will even expect to fall in love with a person from the sound of their voice like in Sleepless in Seattle. This serves as a disappointment because people search for this projected image and when they realize it's not like that, they become discontent. Let's face it, a ship going down in the Atlantic will not separate you from your lover. Instead something as trivial as his snoring or « hoarking » in the sink will.

How many times have we held out on buying an article of clothing vowing to lose those 10 pounds? After making it your new life purpose to lose 10 pounds, how many of us

actually high tailed it to the gym? If you are like me, you probably rushed home and ate enough junk food to feed an impoverished African country for a whole week.

In this quest for happiness, how is one to succeed? Society, the media and our own insecurities resist the production of strong, independent and professional women trying to rise above to be their own person. But it seems that most us are already judged because not being a size 4 shows that as a person, we lack willpower and self control.

What is one to do? I'm not quite sure. Maybe I should go heat up a frozen dinner or buy 2 Big Mac's for 2\$. After, I can turn on the television to watch the atrocities being committed in the world on CNN, or run on the treadmill while watching Fitness infomercials but the best thing for me would be to go grab a coffee with a few friends somewhere, smoke some cigarettes and complain while waiting for the perfect man to fall on my lap.

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Have You Really Looked

The Foot Feature

(and the madness behind it)

by Matt Kent
staff writer

Feet, could there be a body part that is uglier? In my lifetime I have had virtually every problem on behalf of my comically oversized feet. But what is it that makes feet so funny? Having larger than average feet gives me much greater balance and leverage when I need it. When I go swimming, I don't need to bring flippers. In the winter I have a natural snowshoe and when I'm ice fishing my wider and longer tread gives me better traction on the ice. Finally...You all know what they say about a guy with big feet.

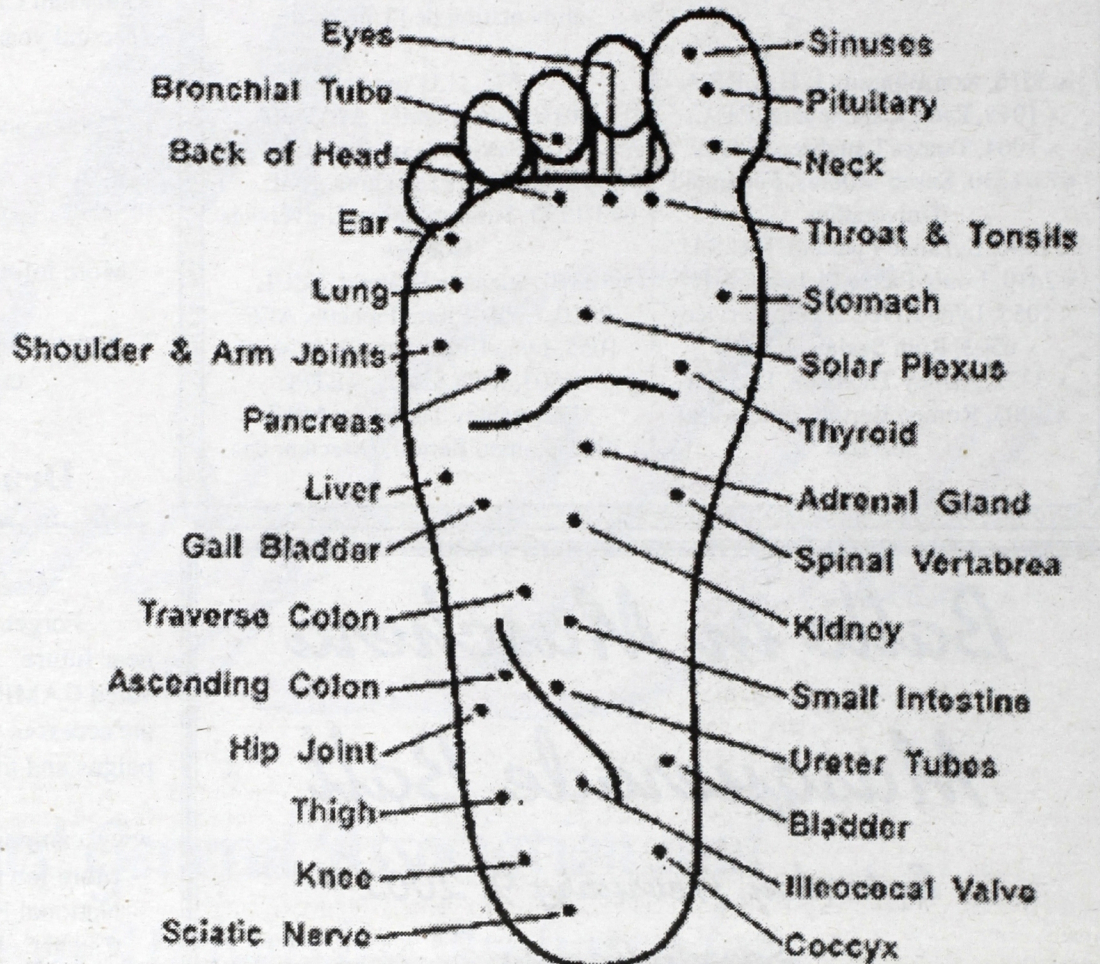
How big are my feet? Well I wear a size fifteen in NewBalance. Yes, that's right I said 15. That's me in the picture below and on the cover, and it's not trick photography. There was a time when I wanted to knock a couple of inches off my feet. I call that time "shoe shopping season" because in reality, there aren't a hell of a lot of options for those of us cursed with monstrous feet. I'm at the point where, if I can find a pair of running shoes and a pair of winter boots, I'm happy. Can you imagine the hell I'd be in if I were a woman trying to find a pair of shoes to go with every outfit? But for now, I'm content with being happy about what I have.

The reason I am doing this feature is that at the beginning of the year, Mat (our Editor in Chief) told us that we could take any topic and do a feature on it. He went on with different ideas, then came up with the idea of feet. He said that there are so many things that can be written just on feet from the problems, foot massages, fetishes, phobias (which he has), and even why socks aren't made properly. Since no one else was up to diving into the world of the human foot, I decided it was up to me and my enormously large feet to jump in and do it.

I will warn you that some of the stuff in this feature is a little gross, but many of you will have these problems and just won't admit it. We all have feet, so why not feature them in Lambda along with all the other weird crap we do!



The Perfect Foot Massage



by Matt Kent
staff writer

A foot massage benefits the whole body. The foot has many thousands of nerve endings which are stimulated during a massage. There is even a whole system of pressure-point therapy practiced on the feet, called reflexology, which works by pressing with thumbs or fingertips on specific zones to boost corresponding organs, glands, and body areas. Each foot contains 28 small bones and long tendons running down from the leg muscles to the toes. Foot massage can produce a calming and almost narcotic effect on the physical system or an invigorating one. Soft strokes will reduce anxiety and induce a good sleep. A gentle foot massage is a perfect antidote to stress and insomnia, while more vigorous strokes and deeper pressure will boost a sluggish system. Here's a couple of ways you can massage yourself to relaxation. A useful tip is to use your thumbs the most. It allows you to put the most pressure with the least amount of effort. It also gives you the ability to hit the exact area you wish.

This is the "Perfect Massage" as outlined by Laura Pudloski, neuromuscular therapist.

Step 1 - The bottom of the foot: Sit facing your partner's feet. After warming a little lotion in your hands, place your thumbs on the heel of one foot. Apply thumb pressure to the

underside of the foot, starting at the bottom and gliding your thumbs toward the toes.

Step 2 - Lubricate and massage the entire heel (including the sides) with your thumbs. Use gentle pressure as most people's heels are often tender.

Step 3 - After lubricating the area, place four fingers in one of the grooves between the bones on the top of the foot. Gently massage downward, toward the ankle. Do this between all of the grooves on the foot.

Step 4 - Position both hands on one foot, with your fingers underneath and your thumbs on top. One hand at a time, apply pressure and stroke the foot by sliding your hands toward the toes.

Here's a simple relaxation massage.

Step 1 - Gently press and massage between the tendons on the back of the foot. Don't forget the area between each toe (especially the webs). Massage the soft area on the ball of the foot below the big toe and also the soft area below the other toes.

Step 2 - Press and massage the tips of each toe. Then work on the first joint of each toe by pressing on the bottom and top with the first finger and thumb and gently pull forward for a few seconds. Then massage along the sides of each toe.

Step 3 - Massage the whole bottom

of the foot, especially along the arch and sides. The heels require extra care so as in the massage above, be very firm, but gentle.

Believe it or not, you can give very erotic foot massages. Not only to get your partner fired up, but it is rumored that there is a way to massage a woman's foot and cause her to reach an orgasm. Unfortunately I Don't know this technique...Not yet anyway, but here are some helpful tips. Use light, almost tickling touches at the middle of the foot, along the arch is the most sensitive area because it has the least amount of callus. Kissing, using your lips, anything that seems erotic can increase sexual stimulation. Kiss and suck the toes, nibble the heels. Basically anything that seems a little more kinky than usual.

Can't find someone to massage your feet? There is a plethora of products available that you can purchase, Walmart, Canadian Tire, Zellers, virtually all department stores carry some form of massager. The most basic being the Dog-bone style massagers such as the Footsie Roller from The Body Shop. It's a wooden roller with raised almost saw appearance in the middle. All you do is stand on it or press your foot onto it and roll it back and forth, I use one and it is heavenly. The other major style is the foot spa which is basically a jacuzzi for your feet. small jets of water massage the stiffness out of your feet while the warmth relaxes the muscles.

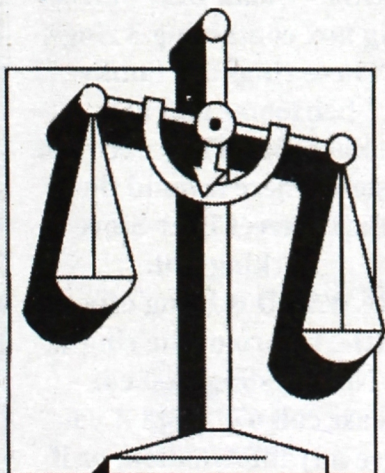
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At Your Own Feet?

Foot Problems You May Have (Or Pick Up In The Showers Room)

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Ingrown Toenails

This is probably the most common and painful of the foot problems. The nail has either cracked, split or been cut too low to grow straight, and as a result its corners begin to grow under the skin. They cut deep and become infected, it's not pretty and makes every step hell. Symptoms include redness, swelling, pain, increased warmth (the toe feels strangely warmer than the other toes) and pus. Simply trying to clip the corners out from under the skin doesn't always work. For chronic (repeat) ingrown toenail sufferers, surgery may be the only option. Having experienced this I can outline the procedure to the letter.

First the surgeon freezes the toe to prevent pain, although you can request that they don't freeze the toe, I strongly suggest that you get it frozen, it took 3 syringes to fully numb my toe. A tourniquet is applied to prevent excess bleeding. Then the surgeon cuts a line from the tip of the toenail to the nail bed along the ingrown side(s). The nail is scraped away from the flesh beneath to make the healing process faster. Finally Liquified phenol is applied to the nailbed and nail matrix to destroy it and stop the nail from growing in that area. This process is called chemical cauterization. The process is relatively painless, recovery is extremely fast (I was playing baseball that afternoon). If you undergo this procedure you should have no more problems with ingrown toenails in that area, other toes may become ingrown but the toe cannot produce any more toenail in that area.

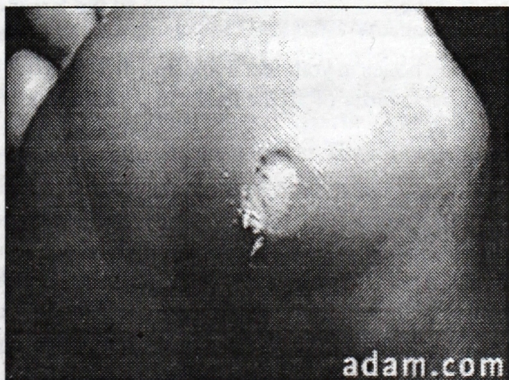
Some ways to prevent ingrown toenails is to not wear tight binding shoes such as cowboy boots, and virtually all close-toed women's pumps. Don't cut your toenails in the curved manner that you would cut your fingernails, cut them low in the middle and higher on the sides to form a sort of U shape. A new product on the market boasts to be able to cure ingrown toenails. The product is called NailEase, and it is a strip that adheres to the nail and lifts the edges up so they grow over the skin. I have started using the strips and will post an update later on whether or not they actually work.

Athletes Foot

Hey kids, want some shrooms? Ok, maybe it's not quite like that, but this affliction affects lots of people, not just athletes. It is characterised in 2 ways; the first is by a scaly dry rash on the bottoms and sides of the feet, known as moccasin pattern, or by cracks and fissures between the toes, sometimes with soft white scales. Athletes foot is treated easily enough with sprays, powders or medication. As in any case you should have your feet checked by a doctor, especially if there is any black or brown spots or moles, weeping or oozing from the cracks and fissures, this could be the onset of something more serious, like cancer!!! you can prevent athletes foot by keeping your feet dry. Powders such as Gold Bond or even baby powder will soak up excess moisture and prevent fungal growth. If your feet are sweating and you don't need to keep your shoes on, take them off, give your feet a chance to dry, and your shoes too. Wearing shoes that allow your feet to wear can prevent this too (I recommend NewBalance... and maybe they will send me new shoes if they see this!).

Plantars Wart

Not planter, as in those things you put flowers in, but Planter, as in the soles of your feet. A planter wart is caused when the papova virus is introduced into a crack or break in the skin. Warts are practically identical, except for how outbreaks occur. Depending on the severity of the infection, warts can show up as either singles, groups of similar warts (mosaic warts) or as one big one surrounded by smaller ones (mother daughter warts). The wart is characterised by a white ring surrounding a pink center with black spots. The virus can be transmitted in locker rooms, pool environments, showers, etc... and since the incubation period is anywhere from 1 to 20 months it's nearly impossible to trace its source. Treatment is varied, the most common being to have a doctor burn it out. The skin is cut away to better expose the wart, then a ring pad is applied to protect the surrounding skin. Finally liquid nitrogen is applied which destroys the rest of the wart. On some patients such as diabetics, this method is not possible (damned if I know why) so topical ointments containing high levels of salicylic acid. I find this method is very pleasant. Ring pads can also be used to take direct pressure off of the wart. How do you prevent warts? You can't, so looks like you're stuck.



But I need you to massage it, honey!

Gout

What is gout? It has been named "The disease of Kings, and the king of diseases" What gout is is an inflammation of the joints of the feet. When levels of Uric acid get too high in the blood, it can lead to the formation of crystals and acid spikes may form in the body's joints. Gout is pain caused by uric acid spikes in the joints of the feet, these spikes tear into the flesh and cause extreme irritation. What causes these elevated levels? Inability of the kidneys to eliminate uric acid for one reason or another, ingesting foods which break down to create uric acid, such as seafood and dried peas and beans. The most common treatment for gout is with non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAID's) which break up the acid spikes. Normal anti-inflammatory drugs such as ibuprofen or aspirin should be avoided while taking NSAID's.

Foot Fetishism: Fun for the Whole Family

"Excuse me sir, would you like some baked beans?"
"Oh, thank you! Just pour them on my wife's feet please."

Foot fetishes are one of the oddest fetishes that I have come across to date. In a way, the obsession that men have about breasts and sex is a fetish. But to want to surround yourself with one single theme or thing is what truly describes a fetish. By the 19th century, the word fetish was used to describe anything that was irrationally worshipped.

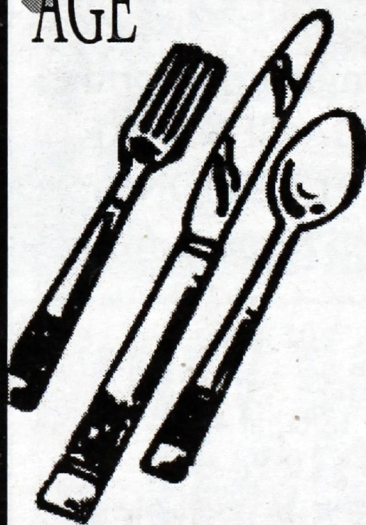
A foot fetish is commonly seen when a person (usually male) becomes sexually aroused at the sight of feet or even at the thought of feet, the same way I would get around at the sight of a naked redhead carrying a bottle of wine, massage oils, handcuffs and a 24 pack of Trojans.

Nobody is sure what triggers fetishism, though it is believed to be both biological and sociological, relating to the chemical processes in the brain as well as the life experiences of the individual in question. Even more puzzling is why fetishism occurs nine times out of ten in males, whereas females have a much lesser ratio. Psychoanalysts theorize that foot fetishes come from some early childhood experience, ie: a young boy would always look at a girl's feet before he looked up her skirt, creating a fixation that builds in his psyche until it almost becomes an obsession. Finally, the feet replace the normal sexual obsession of the individual and they fantasize about the feet the same way they would fantasize about a woman's genitals (scared yet?).

Modern scientists believe that fetishes may be linked to biological brain lesions, which are abnormalities of the brain tissue that are a result of improper development. Others feel that it is linked to more evolutionary ideals, that certain features of the feet were indicators of fertility. It is hard to determine what is the direct cause or root of fetishism, merely because individuals are reluctant to come forward and participate with surveys and experiments. Who can blame them?

Think you have a foot fetish? Check out this webpage, which is supposed to be the internet's best free foot fetish site. But I warn you, this stuff isn't for the faint of heart. I didn't get too far before I got scared....and I'm not easy to discourage. This kind of material is designed for pure foot fetishists, by pure foot fetishists. Got to www.toe-job.com for all your fetishist needs!

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- Use ice (cold) to treat an injury. This treatment produces a numbing effect and prevents swelling and pain.
- Investigate "walking pumps." These shoes have an athletic shoe-derived construction, wider toe room, reinforced heels and are available in many fashionable styles.
- Seek medical attention at the first sign of an injury or infection in the foot or ankle. Treatments require an investment of time and sometimes include surgery - the foot isn't just a beauty concern.
- Consult a podiatric physician regularly. There are 300 different foot ailments, none of which should be neglected.

DON'T:

- Go barefoot. This increases the risk of injury and infection and provides no support for either the foot or ankle.
- Use heat or hot water to treat a foot or ankle injury. Heat promotes blood flow, causing increased swelling.
- Wear heeled shoes that exceed two inches for extended periods of time this is an open invitation for foot problems such as metatarsalgia (pain in the ball of the foot).
- Wear athletic shoes for sports other than the ones for which they were intended - one style does not fit all! Don't wear any sports shoe beyond its useful life.

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Touch Me With Your Feet & You Will Have to Die You Damn Dirty Ape

by Jason Knight
contributor

This is a true story. I know that I am not alone in my feelings, but I have to get them off my chest. I have a severe problem with people's feet and having them anywhere near me. I have read up on this and there are many people who agree with me, but there are also those who derive pleasure out of the feet of a person who they find sexually attractive. I do not know how their minds work, but I will try to give you an idea as to why I hate feet.

It may link back to my childhood as my older brother used to pin me down and try to shove his toes in my nostrils, or gag me with his sweat socks, or even force me to lick his feet and call him the 'Master of the Universe'. I think this is probably where it all started, but it has taken over my life. I cannot go anywhere where I will see feet. I have even waited for hours outside shoe stores until all the other customers have left so that I don't have to sit beside someone who has removed their shoe. I will bring a disinfectant spray to spray the shoes that I am about to try on since there may have been other people trying them on before me.

You may think that I am crazy, but for me this is a real phobia. I looked up on the internet if there is an actual distinction for those of us who are afraid of feet, and the technical term for it is podophobia; or the fear of feet. Everyone has a fear, be it clowns, spiders, puppets or even fish, but mine has gotten so bad that

it makes me physically ill. Let me explain.

The closer I get to a pair of feet, the more I feel like I am about to vomit. An ex-girlfriend of mine once tried to break me of my fear by playing footsies with me whenever we were in public. This did not turn me on in any way, and in one instance, when she slid her foot past my thigh, I was sick to my stomach. Just the fact that her foot was touching me was enough to set me off.

I have never been able to have a person's bare foot touching me anywhere, even against my own feet. I have asked people who I have slept with to wear socks at all times, usually new socks that I give them to wear. Socks are just as bad as feet, but a new pair of socks can lessen the damage done by feet.

The thing that makes me so sick is the bacteria that feet carry. They are in and out of shoes and boots and socks all the time which may never be cleaned properly. Work boots and running shoes are the biggest catalyst for germs and I can't have them around. All shoes in my apartment must go out on the balcony, and must be sprayed before I put them on again. It's not that I'm picky; I just don't want to die from the germs that feet and shoes carry.

My feet disgust me, but not as bad as those of other people. I was my feet anywhere from ten to thirty times a day to make sure they are clean. You can tell a lot about a person by how many times they clean their feet. You can also look at a person and know just how clean their

feet are. I have avoided people on the street just due to the fact that they don't carry themselves off as a clean footed person would. Females are the worst culprits. I can tell by the way you walk and dress if you clean your feet properly. Girls in the bars; most of you have the worst feet around. You dance and run and drink and sweat. Your feet become steaming pools of filth and grime, then you ask us to massage them after a night of dancing. I would rather run naked from Huntington to the City Centre in -40 degree weather than touch your sweaty, deformed feet.

A lot of guys have smartened up and started wearing sandals in the change room of the gym. The floor of a shower room is the worst place for germs. I saw a guy slip once and fall flat on his face on the shower floor. He laughed as he got up, but I felt sorry for him as he just fell into at least a weeks worth of germs and filth all from the feet of every guy who worked out there. This guy needed to bath in turpentine to come anywhere near me!

I guess I am a germaphobe, but it isn't all germs that I fear. The germs I fear are the ones that are hanging off the feet of everyone around me. Clean your feet all you want, but I will never touch them. Feet disgust me and I have no problem admitting it. Next time you hear that someone hates feet and you think it's funny to stick your foot in their face, be prepared to be beaten beyond belief. How would you like it if I dressed like a clown covered in spiders and got in your face?

Answers to Commonly Asked Foot Questions

American Podiatric Medical
Association
www.apma.com

1. Seventy-five percent of Americans will experience foot health problems of varying degrees of severity at one time or another in their lives.

2. The foot is an intricate structure containing 26 bones. Thirty-three joints, 107 ligaments, 19 muscles, and tendons hold the structure together and allow it to move in a variety of ways.

3. The 52 bones in your feet make up about one quarter of all the bones in your body.

4. Women have about four times as many foot problems as men; lifelong patterns of wearing high heels often are the culprit.

5. The American Podiatric Medical Association says the average person takes 8,000 to 10,000 steps a day. Those cover several miles, and they all add up to about 115,000 miles in a lifetime — more than four times the circumference of the globe.

6. There are times when you're walking that the pressure on your feet exceeds your body weight, and when you're running, it can be three or four times your weight.

7. Shopping for shoes is best done in the afternoon, says the American Podiatric Medical Association. Your feet tend to swell a little during the day, and it's best to buy shoes to fit them then. Have your feet measured everytime you purchase shoes, and do it while you're standing. When you try on shoes, try them on both feet; many people have one foot larger than the other, and it's best to fit the larger one.

8. Trim your toenails straight across with clippers specially designed for the purpose. Leave them slightly longer than the tips of your toes.

9. Walking is the best exercise for your feet. It also contributes to your general health by improving circulation, contributing to weight control, and promoting all-around well being.

10. Your feet mirror your general health. Such conditions as arthritis, diabetes, nerve and circulatory disorders can show their initial symptoms in the feet — so foot ailments can be your first sign of more serious medical problems.

11. Only a small percentage of the population is born with foot problems, the American Podiatric Medi-

cal Association believes. It's neglect, and a lack of awareness of proper care — including ill-fitting shoes — that bring on the problems. A lifetime of wear and tear, plus neglect, accounts for the fact that the practices of most podiatrists are made up of older Americans.

12. Corns and calluses are caused by friction and pressure from skin rubbing against bony areas when wearing shoes. If the first signs of soreness are ignored, corns and calluses rise up as nature's way of protecting sensitive areas.

13. There are approximately 250,000 sweat glands in a pair of feet, and they excrete as much as half a pint of moisture each day.

14. About 5 percent of the US population has corns or calluses each year. Of the three major types of foot problems (infections, toenails, and corns and calluses), people are less likely to receive treatment for corns and calluses and more likely to continue to have corns and calluses as a problem without treatment.

15. As a person's income increases, the prevalence of foot problems decreases.

There's An Alien Implant in J.Lo's Butt!

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An eccentric UFO researcher claims he's pinpointed the location of an alien implant: Inside the hefty heinie of big-buttocked bombshell Jennifer Lopez, newspapers here report! And the maverick Swiss scientist, Dr. Henrik Schenkel, vows to take a backseat to no one in getting straight to the bottom of the mystery. "My research leaves me no doubt that there is an alien implant deep in Miss Lopez' hindquarters, most likely inserted during a UFO abduction," says Dr. Schenkel. "It must be removed for study with the utmost care - and only I know how to extract it."

The keister-obsessed kook's theory is that in 1996, "gray-type" aliens kidnapped the incredibly talented singer-actress, placed the tiny, microchip-like device in her backside, then erased all her memories of the abduction and returned her to Earth, none the wiser.

Such a way-up-close encounter, Dr. Schenkel reasons, would explain jiggly Jennifer's meteoric rise to fame plus what he calls her "current leadership role as a cultural icon." "It's a common pattern for extraterrestrials to pluck ordinary people out of obscurity and use implants to both propel them to positions of leadership," he said. "It's also standard for them to insert implants in out-of-the-way places, such as a subject's derrière."

The expert, who says he's



That is One Fine Alien Implant!

spent 800 hours poring over close-ups of the big-derrière diva's famous fanny, taken from various angles, cites as "evidence" side-by-side shots of her now compared to 1990, when she was a dancer on the TV show In Living Color. "My measurements show the subject's rump is significantly larger now," he says. Dr. Schenkel notes that alien implants are designed to be undetectable to X-rays, and only a "thorough manual examination" can confirm his theory. What's more, the devices are very

fragile and unless removed by an expert, they tend to self-destruct. "For that to happen would be a tragic loss to science," he says. "I am ready to be on a plane to the U.S. to perform this procedure the moment Miss Lopez gives her consent."

The wazoo-loving wacko may be rearing to go, but it's unlikely that Jennifer will say "bottom's up" to the bizarre posterior-probe proposal. Said a Hollywood insider, "No way is J.Lo going to let him get his hands on her tush!"

How Beautiful Women Can Keep Geeks Away

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Single gals: If you're trying to attract Mr. Right but find yourself constantly surrounded by geeky oddballs, you can improve your life just by making some simple changes in the way you walk, talk and behave! That's the word from Dr. Rachel Carmotta, a psychologist specializing in romantic relationships.

In her new book How To Find Your Handsome Prince Without Involving Yourself With Frogs, Dr. Carmotta writes: "Far too many women think it's just bad luck that the only men who ask them out are nerdy nobodies with pocket protectors and pants cuffs that stop just below the knees. "You know the kind I mean - the ones whose idea of a magic evening is one in which they show you their bug collection and beat you at Nintendo all night. But the truth is that there's no coincidence involved. Women must learn to accept that who we attract depends about 95 percent upon the image we project to the world."

"So if you have your heart set on Leonardo DiCaprio but find yourself buried in valentines from Steve Urkel, maybe it's time you started behaving differently."

Here, from her fascinating book, are just a few of Dr. Carmotta's tips on how you can attract the kind of men you want:

*** WALK WITH YOUR SHOULDERS BACK AND YOUR HEAD UP** - Believe it or not, if you habitually walk slumped over with your eyes to the ground, this tiny change can dramatically alter the kinds of men who approach you. The nerdy dude with the cowlick and bow tie doesn't have the self-esteem to try to date a woman who projects cool self-confidence.

*** AVOID NERVOUS GIGGLING** - Women who laugh when they're uncomfortable look vulnerable and can easily give these desperate wimps the idea that they have a chance. It's O.K. to laugh, of course. But only laugh when something genuinely amuses you.

*** BANISH WISHY-WASHY PHRASES FROM YOUR CONVERSATION** - Losers are drawn to

insecure women like nails to a magnet. When they hear you say, "Aw, I don't know," or "Whatever you think," or "Gee, I'm not sure," their big floppy ears perk up like Pop Tarts from a toaster. Speak with confidence and cultivate phrases like "Without a doubt," "Yes, absolutely" and "Let's go for it." You'll soon find yourself among men with strong character who respect strength in others.

*** DON'T ADJUST YOUR CLOTHING TOO MUCH** - This simple habit sends the message: "I'm not sure I'll be accepted" - just the news the weirdos want to hear. They'll flock to you in droves.

Of course, you should be careful about your appearance, but don't overdo it. Dr. Carmotta's book is available on stands now.

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Human Brains Transplanted Into Racehorses!

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An Arab billionaire obsessed with creating the perfect racehorse is sponsoring macabre experiments in which human brains have been transplanted into horses! Sheikh Omar el-Sahir, who has recruited top scientists from Russia and Germany for the bizarre science project, has reportedly had brains from at least 11 individuals, including a former jockey, surgically implanted into the skulls of his prize Thoroughbreds. The eccentric fat cat's dream is to create a smarter horse that can win big races like the Kentucky Derby - but according to accounts in Saudi newspapers, most of the test subjects have ended up crippled or insane and have had to be put down.

"This is a violation of not only animal rights, but basic human rights," says Camille DePussant, a spokeswoman for the World Council for the Preservation of Human Dignity, based in Paris. "In his quest for the perfect racehorse, el-Sahir has violated every fundamental rule of decency. Yet because he has close ties to the royal family, Saudi authorities do nothing to rein him in." Sheikh el-Sahir has been involved in breeding racehorses since the late 1960s. "In the 1980s, he spent billions on genetic-engineering research," revealed Miss DePussant.

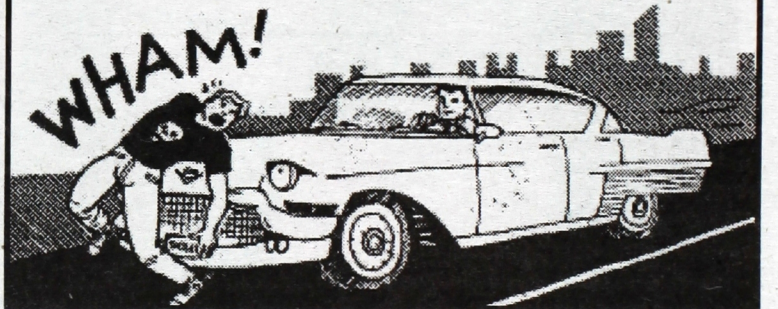
But in 1992, el-Sahir abandoned that approach and turned to brain-transplant research. "He became convinced that nothing more could be done to improve the bodies of his horses, that had been pushed to the limit," said Miss DePussant. "He reasoned that if you put a human brain into a horse and made it smarter, it could use strategy and cunning to beat its opponents."

The early experiments were disastrous. The sheikh used peasants who were paid a king's ransom for "volunteering" for the transplants, but he found their brains didn't work well in the horses. "They were used to walking on two legs and when they tried to use four, they couldn't control them," said Miss DePussant. "They would flail around like a beetle on its back." The confused and disoriented human-brained horses were put out of their misery.

"In the last few years, the sheikh's scientists have concluded the only way this will work is to put a child's brain into the body of a foal, so that the two grow up together," said Miss DePussant. "This research must be stopped before more innocent children die."

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